

SHARING GOD'S STORY @ HOME

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- Matthew 5:7

MEALTIME PRAYER

We bless you, Lord, for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Something to consider as you read: **What do we learn about being a disciple in these verses?**

Monday	Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday	Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday	Matthew 5:17-20
Thursday	Matthew 5:21-26
Friday	Matthew 5:27-30
Saturday	Matthew 5:31-32
Sunday	Read/Reflect/Rest

If your household includes younger children, use a child-friendly bible. Sometimes children's bibles won't contain the assigned story for that day. That's okay! Choose something else and read it to your children!

FAITH @ HOME ACTIVITIES

This Sunday, we read a parable about sowing seed, and next Sunday we will read another parable about sowing seed. Consider planting something as a family and talking about how growth, patience, nurture, and care are signs of God's kingdom.

DEVOTIONS

Devotions are an extension and continuation of our worship life together. The following is a basic pattern for a family or individual devotion time.

GATHERING

Light a candle to help you focus this time as sacred.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Read the prayer in the phrases provided.
Pause after each phrase and let your child(ren) repeat the phrase.
Through this practice, you're teaching them to pray.*

Jesus,/ be present with us/ and make yourself/ known to us./ Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Read aloud the assigned Daily Bible Reading from the front.

RESPONDING

CARING CONVERSATION

Highs & Lows: Name one thing that went well today. Name one thing that did not go well today.

Thinking About Today's Story: What does this story say about God? What does this story ask me to do? What does this story say to my Highs & Lows?

Getting Ready for Tomorrow: Name one thing you are concerned about and for which you want prayer. Name one thing that excites you. Pray for one another!

SENDING

Extinguish the candle as a sign of the end of the devotion time.

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Let us live as those who are dead to sin
and alive to God in Jesus Christ.
Amen!